

Application No. 10/685,039
Response to OA of 01/13/2006

Remarks

In the present response, no claims are amended. Claims 1, 9-10, 16, and 21-24 are presented for examination.

Claims 1, 9-10, 16, and 21-24 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of USPN 6,751,721. Applicants file herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 (c) to overcome this rejection based on non-statutory double patenting since the allegedly conflicting patent is commonly owned with the present application.

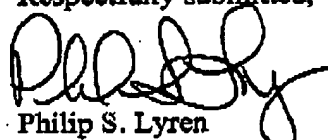
In light of the submitted terminal disclaimer, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

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